



WinCube Project

Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada

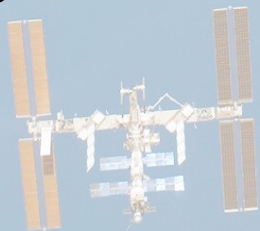
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WinCube Project

- Manitoba High School Students involved in pico-satellite construction, amateur radio, and high altitude balloon projects
 - Students learn first hand about space mission design, telecommunications, programming, electrical and mechanical engineering and amateur radio





WinCube Project

- WinCube Partnership:
 - Manitoba Satellite Interest Group (MSIG)
 - Manitoba Aerospace
 - AppSpace Solutions
 - MindSet (Manitoba Network for Science and Technology)
 - University of Manitoba (Faculty of Engineering)
 - Bristol Aerospace
 - Maples Collegiate Space Exploration Academy



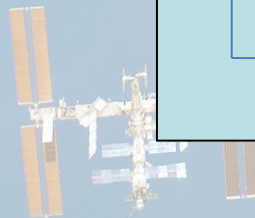


WinCube Project



WinCube High School Initiative

- CubeSat (Pico-Satellite)
- Amateur Radio Certificate Class
- Manitoba Space Adventure Camp
- B-Cube (High Altitude Balloon)
- Satellite Ground Station
- *ARISS Telebridge Station*





CubeSat

- Project funded through NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) and MindSet, the Manitoba Network for Science and Technology
 - Partnership and mentorship with the University of Manitoba - Faculty of Engineering
 - Multi-year project
 - Specs based on CalPoly CubeSat program





CubeSat

- Key factors for High School Students
 - Mentorship through aerospace industry and university students
 - Gaining experience in payload design and construction through high altitude balloon work (B-Cube Project)
 - Defined educational goals (curriculum)
 - Amateur radio certification and ground station operation experience





CubeSat

- Phase 1
 - Preliminary Design Review (PDR) Report was created by 4th year Engineering Students at the University of Manitoba during the 2006-2007 school year
- Phase 2
 - Construction and testing of individual components in 2007-2008 with assistance by high school students

Status: ongoing

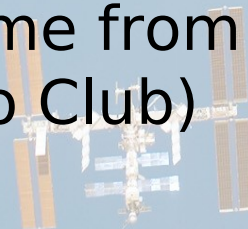




Amateur Radio Class

- Initiated in the 2006/2007 school year
 - Involvement by six high schools
 - Amateur radio certificates for six students and three teachers
- Attendance at class and exam is a requirement for CubeSat project participation
- New class in 2007/2008 school year
 - Instructors come from MSIG and WARC (Winnipeg Amateur Radio Club)

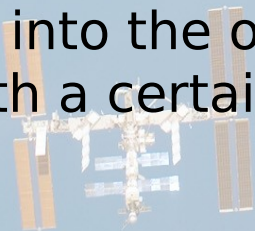
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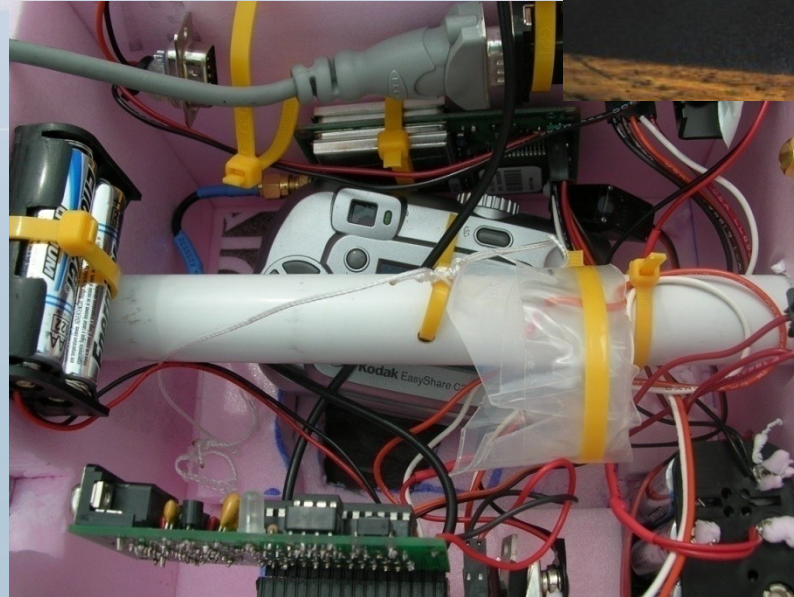
B-Cube

- High Altitude Balloon Project
 - Funding was obtained from the Canadian Space Agency (CAS)
 - **Hands-On learning of “satellite” components**
 - Design and construct a ready-to-be-assembled B-Cube (Balloon payload) kit
 - “Plug and Play” approach is very important for many science teachers
 - Incorporation into the ongoing science curriculum of the school with a certain level of success





B-Cube



Status: ongoing



Manitoba Space Adventure Camp

- Camp in 2006 and 2007 at the 17th Wing (Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies)
 - build and launch model rockets
 - operate satellite navigation devices
 - participate in a research balloon launch
 - work with amateur radio via satellites
 - tours and lectures
 - geocaching and various lab sessions

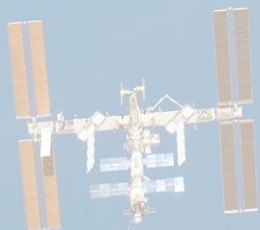
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ISS Contact - July 12, 2007

- Application submitted by Maples Collegiate in the fall of 2006
 - First notification that a contact might be possible in May, 2007 through ARISS
 - **Final confirmation on July 3rd**
- Contact with ISS Expedition 15 on July 12, 2007





ISS Contact





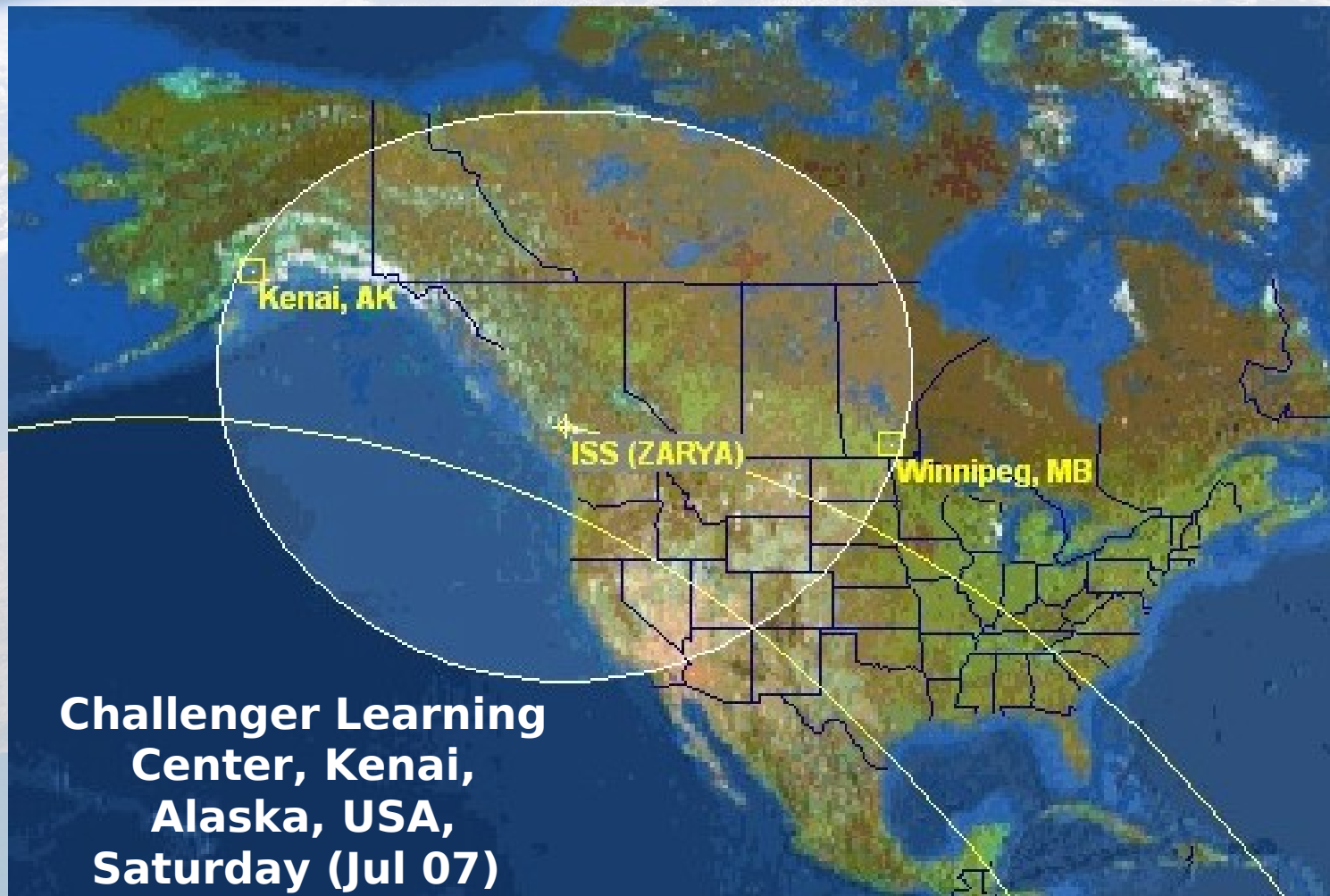
Primary Station

- **Kenwood TS2000;**
- **SSB 2m preamp** controlled via SSB sequencer and TS2000;
- **200+ feet of LMR400;**
- **SatPC32 (ISS)** for frequency and Doppler control of TS2000;
- **Nova for Windows for LVB tracker rotor control;**
- HyGain 2m cross polarized satellite yagi antenna (polarization switching disabled);
- *HyGain 70cm cross polarized satellite yagi antenna (polarization switching disabled) used for additional satellite contacts only (Not used for ISS);*
- **Yaesu G-5500 az/el rotor** with 2 x 200+ feet of rotor control cable (8 conductor, 16 gauge wire);
- Home made quadpod with 8 feet aluminum mast on flat roof;
- **LVB tracker rotor interface;**
- Laptop (WinXP) for radio and rotor control;
- **UPS backup for laptop, rotor and radio.**





Testing Equipment...

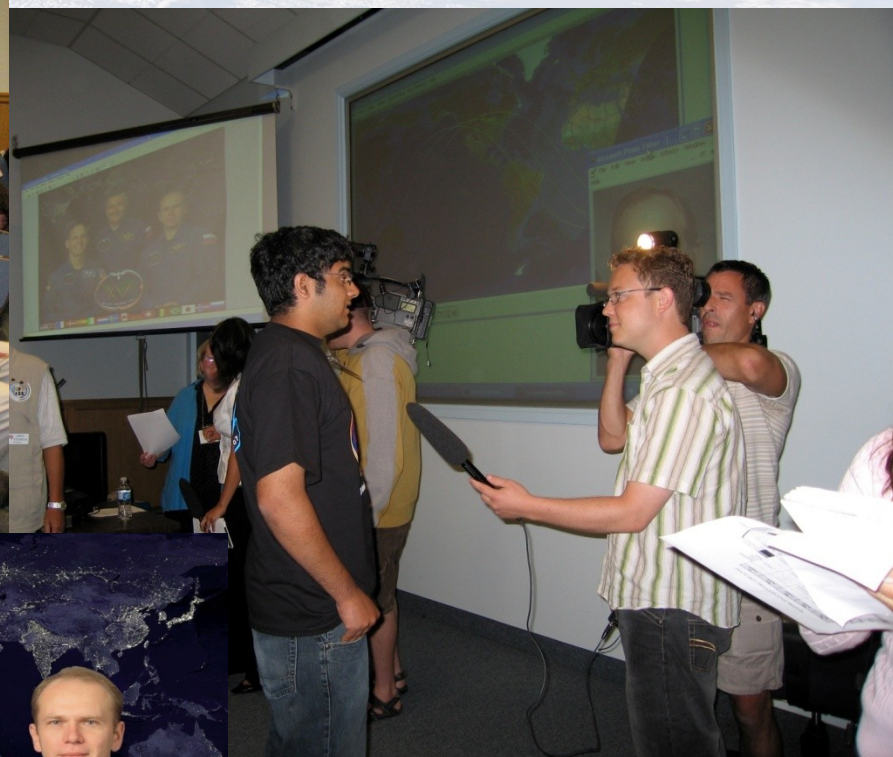


**Challenger Learning
Center, Kenai,
Alaska, USA,
Saturday (Jul 07)
19:47 UTC**





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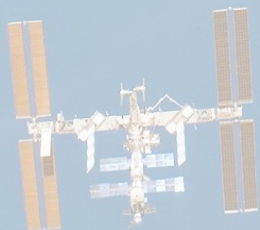
Congratulations!





Contact

- 12, 2007 at 11:51am (local time), 16:51pm (UTC)
- Maximum elevation of the ISS was 70°
- Contact lasted for a little over 9 minutes
- Clay Anderson answered 18 questions





Nothing happens without Partners

- MSIG
- WARC
- WinCube
- ARISS

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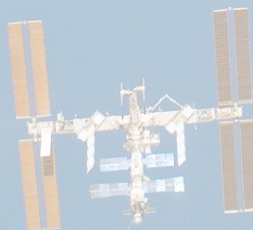
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What's next...

Maples Collegiate contact will still happen
School contact with Churchill, Manitoba





What's next...

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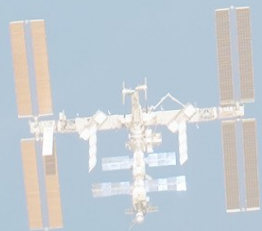
ARRISS Telebridge Station
(Winnipeg, Manitoba)

ISS (ZARYA)



What's next?

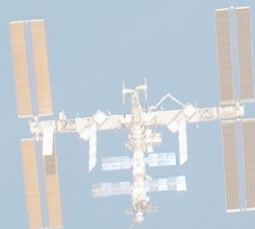
- Finalize plug-and-play B-Cube kit and start production for schools
- Phase II of the CubeSat and fundraising campaign for launch cost
- 2008 Manitoba Space Camp program





Lessons learned

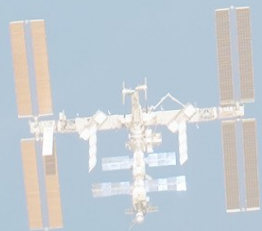
- KISS
- Students get bored... easily
- Funding is critical (\$\$\$)
- Diversify and leverage





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Q&A

